

REMARKS

This paper amends Claims 1, 8, 12, 14-16, 18-24, 27, and 29-31. Claims 1-31 remain pending and reconsideration of the amended and original claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner reminds the Applicant of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. The Examiner objects to the abstract because of excessive length in exceeding 150 words. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting this discrepancy and hereby amends the abstract to conform to the 150 word limit. The Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 8, 18, 24, and 30, under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and asserts that the claimed invention is directed to nonstatutory subject matter. The Examiner asserts that the claimed subject matter of Claims 1, 8, 18, 24, and 30 are not tangible. The Applicant respectfully notes that Claim 1 as currently amended recites a computerized diagnostic tool for displaying system information on a graphical display comprising a first electronic device that is configured to receive system information. The Applicant believes that Claim 1 as currently amended is clearly directed to a tangible computerized tool including hardware such as the first electronic device.

Claim 8 as currently amended is directed to a method of graphically representing system information of a source electronic device on a remote computer including the processes of receiving gathered system information and displaying a graphical representation of the system information. Claim 18 as currently amended recites a computer executing a diagnostic tool for displaying system information on a graphical display including hardware such as a first electronic device configured to gather system information. Claim 24 as currently amended recites a method of graphically representing system information including the processes of gathering system information from a first electronic device, transmitting said system information and graphically representing the system information. Claim 30 as currently amended recites a programmed computer for graphically display system information gathered by and received from a separate source computer, the programmed computer comprising at least one hardware component and code responsive to receive system information.

The Applicant respectfully notes that each of Claims 1, 8, 18, 24, and 30 recite either a process or method resulting in a tangible result such as display of information or an article of

manufacture. The Applicant thus believes that each Claims 1, 8, 18, 24, and 30 is directed to statutory subject matter as required by 35 U.S.C. § 101. The Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these base claims and any claims depending therefrom be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1-31 on the ground of nonstatutory double-patenting over Claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,664,988. The Applicant notes the Examiner's rejection and will consider terminally disclaiming the subject application if the subject application is otherwise found to be allowable.

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nawaz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,621). The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Nawaz et al. reference and respectfully notes that Nawaz fails to disclose each and every element of the Applicant's claimed invention.

The Applicant notes for example that Claim 1 is currently amended to recite:

A computerized diagnostic tool for displaying system information on a graphical display comprising:

~~an~~ a first electronic device that is configured to receive system information from a second separate source electronic device, wherein the system information identifies at least one of hardware components that resides in the source electronic device and a configuration of the source electronic device, and wherein the first electronic device displays a graphical representation of the system information of the source electronic device.

Nawaz fails to disclose receiving system information from a second separate source electronic device, wherein the system information identifies at least one of hardware components that reside in the source electronic device and a configuration of the source electronic device. The Applicant respectfully notes that the total combination of elements recited by the Applicant as amended by this paper is not anticipated by the Nawaz et al. reference. The Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn. The Applicant notes that similar amendments are made to the other base Claims 8, 12, 16, 18, 24, 27, and 30.

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Although each of the base claims of the subject application differ in scope, the Applicant believes that they are each patentable for similar reasons as identified above with respect to Claim 1 as currently amended. The Applicant believes that the remaining claims depending from the respective base claims properly further define the Applicant's claimed invention and are also patentable due at least in part to their dependence on the respective base claim. The Applicant thus respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of the Nawaz reference be withdrawn.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication includes alterations to the application and claims, and characterizations of claim scope and referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Issued Patent of Assignee

Applicant wishes to draw to the Examiner's attention to the following issued patent of the present application's assignee.

Patent Number	Title	Issued
6,664,988	GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF SYSTEM INFORMATION ON A REMOTE COMPUTER	12/16/2003

The claims of the present application are different and possibly broader in scope than the claims as originally filed. To the extent any prior amendments or characterizations of the scope of any claim or referenced art could be construed as a disclaimer of any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, the Applicant hereby rescinds and retracts such disclaimer. Accordingly, the references previously considered in the application may need to be re-visited.

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SUMMARY

The Applicant believes that the subject application is in a condition ready for allowance and respectfully requests prompt issuance of a notice of allowability. The Applicant believes that this paper is fully responsive to the objections and rejections made by the Examiner in the Office Action, however should there remain any further impediments to the allowance of this application that might be resolved by telephone conference the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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